

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

streaming data from a computer system to a personal digital assistant that is part of a webpad having a communication adapter module;

receiving the streamed data using the adapter module via wireless transmission;

and

playing the streamed data on the webpad while simultaneously receiving the streamed data.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the streamed data is ancillary data relating to primary data being played on an audiovisual device.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

obtaining the data to be streamed from a location using an application on the computer system.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the application is a system control application on the computer system.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the location is Internet.

6. The method of claim 4 wherein the location is a database on the computer system.

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
inputting information using a user interface on the webpad to provide instructions on what data is to be streamed from the computer system.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
manipulating electronic devices using the webpad via wireless transmission.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the electronic devices include at least one of a television, stereo, oven, lights, video camera security devices, video baby monitors, and door lock devices.

10. A method of transferring ancillary data to a webpad comprising:
determining information about primary content being played on a television using a set top box;
obtaining the ancillary data relating to the primary content based on the information; and
automatically sending the ancillary data to the webpad for access therefrom as the primary content is being played on the television.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein determining information about primary content being played on a television using a set top box includes determining what channel the television is playing using a first application on the set top box.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein obtaining ancillary data relating to the primary content based on the information includes looking up the ancillary data using a second application on the set top box.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the first application is a system control application.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the second application is an online lookup application.

15. The method of claim 10 wherein the ancillary data includes a text description of the primary content being played on the television.

16. The method of claim 10 wherein the ancillary data is additional data relating to the primary content being played on the television.

17. The method of claim 10 further comprising displaying the ancillary data on a display on the webpad.

18. A method of transferring ancillary data to a webpad comprising:
determining information about primary content being played on an audiovisual device using a computer system;
obtaining the ancillary data relating to the primary content based on the information; and
automatically sending the ancillary data to the webpad for access therefrom as the primary content is being played on the audiovisual device.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein determining information about primary content being played on the audiovisual device further comprises:
inputting the information on a user interface on the webpad; and
sending the information to a first application on the computer system.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein obtaining the ancillary data relating to the primary content based on the information includes looking up the ancillary data using a second application on the computer system.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein the first application is a system control application.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the second application is an online lookup application.

23. The method of claim 18 wherein the ancillary data includes a text description of the primary content being played on the audiovisual device.

24. The method of claim 18 wherein the ancillary data is additional data relating to the primary content being played on the audiovisual device.

25. The method of claim 18 wherein the audiovisual device is a television.

26. The method of claim 18 wherein the audiovisual device is an audio converter device.

27. The method of claim 18 wherein the audiovisual device is a stereo.

28. A system comprising:

a local area network (LAN);

a webpad coupled to the LAN and including an adapter module attached to a personal digital assistant; and

a computer system coupled to the LAN, wherein the computers system streams data to the adapter module via a wireless transmission.

29. The system of claim 28 wherein the computer system includes a system control application to determine information about primary content being played on an audiovisual device.

30. The system of claim 29 wherein the computer system includes an online lookup application to obtain ancillary data relating to the primary content based on the information about the primary content.

31. The system of claim 30 wherein the ancillary data includes a text description of the primary content being played on the audiovisual device.

32. The system of claim 30 wherein the ancillary data is additional data relating to the primary content being played on the audiovisual device.

33. The system of claim 28 wherein the adapter module includes a wireless transceiver.